

### Abstract

5     **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF (3R,3aS,6aR)-HEXAHYDROFURO**  
          **[2,3-B] FURAN-3-YL (1S,2R)-3-[[ (4-AMINOPHENYL) SULFONYL]**  
          **(ISOBUTYL) AMINO]-1-BENZYL-2-HYDROXYPROPYLCARBAMATE**

10     The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of (3R,3aS,6aR)-  
hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-yl (1S,2R)-3-[[ (4-aminophenyl) sulfonyl] (isobutyl)  
amino]-1-benzyl-2-hydroxypropylcarbamate as well as intermediates for use in said  
process. More in particular the invention relates to processes for the preparation of  
(3R,3aS,6aR)-hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-yl (1S,2R)-3-[[ (4-aminophenyl) sulfonyl]  
15     (isobutyl) amino]-1-benzyl-2-hydroxypropylcarbamate which make use of 4-amino-N-  
((2R,3S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbutyl)-N-(isobutyl)benzene sulfonamide  
intermediate, and to processes amenable to industrial scaling up. (3R,3aS,6aR)-  
hexahydrofuro [2,3-b] furan-3-yl (1S,2R)-3-[[ (4-aminophenyl) sulfonyl] (isobutyl)  
amino]-1-benzyl-2-hydroxypropylcarbamate is particularly useful as HIV protease  
inhibitors.